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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. -- The Pratt Music Foundation has awarded 13 music scholarships for the 2001-2002 academic year. These scholarships were awarded last summer, but a reception was held in the recipients honor on Sunday, Jan. 27 at IWU's Evelyn Chapel. Each student receives an academic year of lessons in strings or piano. The honorees whose scholarships were renewed were:

- Jairon Crosson (violin), is a sixth grader at Bloomington Junior High School. Crosson is the son of Debbie Crosson, N. Lee Street, Bloomington. He was named the Ruby K. Worner Scholar and is in his second year as a scholarship recipient.
- Lauren Drop (piano), is a third grader at Sugar Creek Elementary School. Drop is the daughter of Robert and Wendy Drop, E. College, Normal. She was named the Mitsubishi Motor Manufacturing Scholar and is in her second year as a recipient.
- Ramone Pippins (violin), is a seventh grader at Bloomington Junior High School. Pippins is the son of Lionel and Rosario Joyce, S. Morris Ave., Bloomington. He was named the Town of Normal Harmon Arts Scholar and is in his fourth year as a recipient.
- Crystal Ye (violin), is a seventh grader at Bloomington Junior High School. Ye is the daughter of Wei and Ron Hua Ye, E. Washington, Bloomington. She was named the Hurst Strings Scholar and is in her fourth year as a recipient.

The Foundation also awarded nine new scholarships to:

- Becky Bard (violin), is a senior at Normal Community High School. Bard is the daughter of Donald and Paula Bard, Ann Dr., Normal.
- Harshavardhan Bhide (violin), is a fourth grader at Oakland Elementary School. Bhide is the child of Rajendra and Anupama Bhide, Hallcourt, Bloomington.
- Kortney Brooks (violin), is a sixth grader at Metcalf School. Brooks is the daughter of Jerry and Judy Brooks, RR 3, Bloomington.
- Olivia Elvidge (viola), is a fourth grader at Bent Elementary School. Elvidge is the daughter of Rochelle Hartman and Morgan Elvidge, N. Madison, Bloomington.
- Kristin Miller (piano), is a sixth grader that is homeschooled. Miller is the daughter of Dale and Tammy Miller, W. Locust St., Bloomington.
- KaReisha Robinson (piano), is an 11th grader at Bloomington High School. Robinson is the daughter of Gwendolyn Robinson, 2020 E. Taylor, Bloomington.
- Schiavonne Robinson (piano), is an eighth grader at Bloomington Junior High School. Schiavonne is also a daughter of Gwendolyn Robinson, 2020 E. Taylor St., Bloomington.
- Morgan Schaub (piano), is a third grader at Stevenson Elementary School. She is the daughter of Susan Schaub, Sandburg Dr., Bloomington.
- Myleka Thomas (cello), is a seventh grader at Metcalf School. Thomas is the daughter of Sheila Butts, Golfcrest, Bloomington.

This year there were more than 35 applications for the scholarship. Each scholarship provides for attendance at the Prep Music Program at Illinois Wesleyan University for the academic year (Sep. through May). The Music Program includes one-on-one instruction and individual attention on a weekly basis, plus group instruction and recitals. The Pratt foundation gives students the opportunity for music lessons they may not otherwise receive. The Foundation also is committed to provide support and nurture each student during the course of the year.

The Pratt Music Foundation awards scholarships annually. Classroom and music teachers who know of a child with talent and financial need who could benefit from a Pratt Music Scholarship can request an application from the Pratt Scholarship Committee, Patsy Bowles, 309-827-6654.